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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on frozen whole turkeys. Demand and trading very light. Supplies of whole birds generally available. Activity remained focused on beef, pork, and seafood for the holiday weekend. Parts and meats trading inactive and seasonally slow as some processors taking extra days off for the upcoming holiday.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow for current shipments due to the approaching holidays. Interest for product deliveries for next week inactive with very little change expected.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 23, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DEC. 24, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	73.00	73.35	65.50
CENTRAL REGION	68.88**	73.41	63.50**
WESTERN REGION	70.25**	75.30**	63.70**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00	65.50	61.63**
CENTRAL REGION	63.50**	67.00	61.38**
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	67.70**	61.70**

16-24 LB TOMS

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	100-103
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	103-104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	94-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	94-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 27-DEC-99

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS LBS	TOMS LBS
	PRICE (000)	PRICE (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	75.00 15	76.00 15
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	75.00 15	76.00 15
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-99

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	844	-14	21.26	(A)	(A)	859	21.32
S ATL	521	-28	24.91	(A)	(A)	550	25.05
N CENT	2,130	-15	26.90	(A)	(A)	2,131	26.91
S CENT	492	-35	23.15	NONE	NONE	492	23.15
WEST	564	78	22.07	(A)	(A)	566	22.09
U.S.TOTAL	4,551(B)	-6	24.62	0	47	4,598	24.65

TO DATE

1999 240,632(B) 56 1,817 242,505

TO DATE

1998 250,941(B) 72 1,838 252,851

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 731,000; last year to date 1,074,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,55	147	4,598
AVG WT	0.00	24.62	26.81	24.65
LAST WEEK	0	5,287	75	5,362
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	7,935	31	7,966
AVG WT	0.00	23.56(A)	26.42	23.57
TO-DATE/1999	56	240,632(A)	1,817	242,505
TO-DATE/1998	72	250,941(A)	1,838	252,851

(A) Includes 731,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,074,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 11-Dec-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 564 HD, 12,447 LBS,
TO DATE 17,991 HD, 433,943 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 262 HD;
TOTAL 566 HD, TO DATE 18,153 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER 491,672 *

DECEMBER 1-11, 1999 154,590 *

To date 1999 4,896,580 *

To date 1998 5,012,083 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 DECEMBER 1999.

Undertone steady at best on 4-8 lb. breasts, steady to weak on institutional breasts, generally steady on tom breast meat with some spot premiums noted on shipments during the holiday weeks. Demand and trading seasonally slow due to the holidays. Offerings mixed. Tails (1 load) 13.50, fresh wing meat with skin (1.50 loads) 51-52 cents delivered.

****NOTICE****

Effective December 13, 1999, Poultry Market News has added fresh destrapped tenders to the daily National Young Turkey Parts report. This change was a result of our recently completed annual review of the Turkey Parts report.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	112.00	87	112.00	87
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	131.67	180		
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	102.00		102.00	40	101.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	29.53	43	29.53	43
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	2	27.51	82
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	31.00		31.00	14	31.27	102
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	26.00-29.00		27.50	12	27.50	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	1	25.02	81
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	48.00		48.00	12	48.00	12
NECKS, TOM	14.50-18.00		15.05	95	15.17	99
NECKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	5	18.57	63
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	155.00		155.00	40	155.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-160.00		156.00	100	154.35	650
THIGH MEAT		W	75.00	40	75.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	72.00		72.00	120	72.00	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	40	72.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	134.00		134.00	200	134.00	200
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	151.00	4	151.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	49.00-51.00		49.67	60	49.80	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	40	20.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	19.67	120	19.11	350
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-30.00		29.00	120	29.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	29.50	40	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	15.00	104	15.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	216	19.81	296
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	40	70.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.